

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**  
**United States Patent Application**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (*if only one name is listed below*) or an original, first and joint inventor (*if plural names are listed below*) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "Improved Liquid Specimen Container And Attachable Testing Modules", the specification of which(check one) ☐ is attached hereto.☒ was filed on November 15, 1994 as U.S. Application Serial No. 08/340,884 and (*if applicable*)  
was amended on \_\_\_\_\_.☐ was filed as PCT International Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ and (*if applicable*)  
was amended under PCT Article 19 on \_\_\_\_\_.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Foreign/PCT Application No.	Country	Filed (day/month/year)	Priority Claimed? (yes/no)

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

U.S. Application No.	Filing Date	Status (patented/pending/abandoned?)
07/686,934	April 18, 1991	Pending

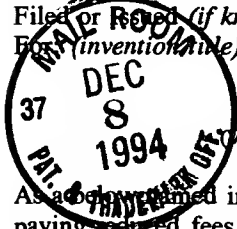
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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Applicant or Patentee (Inventors): Raouf A. Guirguis  
Serial or Patent No. (if known): 08/340,884  
Filed or Reopened (if known): November 15, 1994  
Title (invention title): "Improved Liquid Specimen Container And Attachable Testing Modules"



**SMALL ENTITY FORM - INDEPENDENT INVENTOR**

VERIFIED STATEMENT/DECLARATION CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS, 37 CFR 1.9(f) AND 1.27(b)

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41 (a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention described in

- (check one) ☐ the specification filed herewith  
☒ the application or patent identified above.  
☐ patent no. \_\_\_\_\_, issued \_\_\_\_\_.

I have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

Each person, concern or organization to which I have assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed or am under an obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license any rights in the invention is listed below:

- (check one) ☐ no such person, concern, or organization  
☒ persons, concerns or organizations listed below. (NOTE: Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities, 37 CFR 1.27)

FULL NAME: LaMina, Inc.

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☒ SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN

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I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee of any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. 37 CFR 1.28(b)

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NAME OF INVENTOR #1

  
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SMALL ENTITY FORM - SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN

(VERIFIED STATEMENT/DECLARATION CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS 37 CFR 1.9(f) AND 1.27(c))

I hereby declare that I am: (*check one*)

☐ the owner of the small business concern identified below:

☒ an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below:

NAME OF CONCERN: LaMina, Inc.

ADDRESS OF CONCERN: 2930 Prosperity Avenue  
Fairfax, Virginia 22031

I hereby declare that the above-identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 CFR 121.3-18, and reproduced in 37 CFR 1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the above-identified invention, described in

(*check one*) ☐ the specification filed herewith

☒ application serial no. 08/340,884, filed November 15, 1994

☐ patent no. \_\_\_\_\_, issued \_\_\_\_\_

If the rights held by the above-identified small business concern are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights to the invention is listed below\* and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who could not qualify as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

\*NOTE: Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities. (37 CFR 1.27)

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